PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Title: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING ACCESS TO A SERVICE OVER A COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

## **REMARKS**

The specification is amended to add a cross reference to prior applications. The claims are amended for clarity and to remove multiple dependencies.

Please enter the above-described amendments before taking up the application for examination.

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